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METHODIST BODY CLOSES SESSION

Atlanta, Ga., May 18.—The eighteenth quadrennial session of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, characterized as one of the most progressive ever held in the history of the church, was adjourned here this afternoon. The conference will meet again on the first Wednesday in May, 1922, the place to be fixed by a committee.

Among the outstanding measures passed by the conference were the changes in the wording of the church ritual from "the Holy Catholic Church" to "Christ's Holy Church;" granting of laity rights to women and adoption of the centenary of missions program authorizing the sum of \$35,000,000 to be raised within the next five years for home and foreign missions and the church extension work. The changing of the creed and the laity rights measures are to be passed down to the annual conferences for their ratification.

Further legislation affecting the church was the passage of a law distributing the church into episcopal districts; recommendation that the bishops, insofar as is possible, retain a district for four years; change in the law relative to the time limit, making it possible for a minister to remain more than four years in a pastorate upon the recommendation of the quarterly conference and a majority vote of the presiding elders.

Other important measures passed include the change from the assessment of the various benevolent collections to a budget system and their apportionment by a committee for the purpose. Eight laymen instead of four from each presiding elder's district will sit as delegates in annual conference.

Perhaps the most popular measures enacted were those providing the organization of a district board to take better care of superannuated preachers, and continuation of the unification commission, with authority to meet the commission of the Methodist Episcopal Church in negotiations looking toward an organic union.

The sum of \$1,000,000 annually was asked of the churches for war work.

Delegates tonight expressed satisfaction of episcopal visitation as announced today by Bishop Collins Denny.

The last prayer at the conference was offered by Rev. H. C. Morrison of Wilmore, Ky.

After declaring that the conference had "not only been progressive but wise," Bishop Eugene R. Hendrix of Kansas City, Mo., pronounced the benediction and the conference stood adjourned.

Many delegates left for their homes this afternoon and tonight. Announcement of the boundaries of the episcopal districts, as decided upon by the college of bishops, was the principal business transacted at today's session. The districts as given out by Bishop Collins Denny, secretary of the college, are:

First district—Bishop E. R. Hendrix, West Virginia, Virginia and Baltimore conferences.

Second district—Bishop Warren A. Candler, North Georgia, South Georgia and Florida conferences.

Third district—Bishop James Atkins, Tennessee, North Alabama and Memphis conferences.

Fourth district—Bishop Collins Denny, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisville and Holston conferences.

Fifth district—Bishop J. C. Kilgo, North Mississippi, Louisiana and Mississippi conferences.

Sixth district—Bishop W. B. Murrah, Denver, Missouri, Southwest Missouri and St. Louis conferences.

Seventh district—Bishop W. R. Lambuth, war work and African mission.

Eighth district—Bishop E. D. Mouzon, Western Oklahoma, East Oklahoma, Little Rock and North Arkansas conferences and the Indian mission.

Ninth district—Bishop J. H. McCoy, Alabama conference and the Cuban mission.

Tenth district—Bishop John M. Moore, Brazil and South Brazil conferences.

Eleventh district—Bishop W. F. McMurray, Japan, Korea and China mission.

Twelfth district—Bishop James Cannon, Jr., the Mexican conferences and missions.

Thirteenth district—Bishop H. M. DuBose, Pacific, Los Angeles and New Mexico conferences.

Fourteenth district—Bishop U. V. W. Darlington, North and South Carolina conferences.

Fifteenth district—Bishop W. N. Ainsworth, Texas conferences.

Another effort today to have the church conferences to elect church stewards was defeated.

Laity rights for women again came to the fore. The bishops were requested to put the question to the annual conference in this form:

"Shall lay members be eligible to all conferences, boards and lay

offices without reference to sex?"

The report of the committee on education asking the church to raise \$13,000,000 for schools and colleges, and \$5,000,000 cash for Emory and Southern Methodist Universities were adopted.

Announcement was made today that the fall meeting of the college of bishops would be held at Shreveport, La., upon the invitation of the Noel Memorial Church.

Bishop John M. Moore, of Nashville, first of the newly ordained bishops, presided at the opening of today's session, but quickly surrendered the gavel to Bishop W. F. McMurray, another new member of the college.

The committee on the constitution of the church was granted permission to continue its work after the close of the general conference, following instructions.

COUNTY NEWS IN A NUTSHELL

CHALK LEVEL.

Hula Hatley is rejoicing over the arrival of a new boy.

Uncle Joe Cowell is still grinding at Hardin's Mill on Saturdays.

Five of our third district boys are in this call for the training camp.

Ray Walker and family visited in the Morris Chapel community Sunday.

Mrs. Era Hatley visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Johnson, Sunday.

Mrs. Lafayette Baker visited her daughter, Mrs. T. J. Flowers, last Sunday.

Miss Vida Latham of Carroll County is visiting her uncle, F. E. Latham.

Bliss Moore and family spent the week-end with his parents at Coxburg.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Mitchell attended the entertainment at Camden Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Saunders visited Mrs. W. J. Thompson at Camden Saturday.

Our last week's community meeting was quite a success. Our next meeting will be Saturday night June 1.

Quite a large crowd attended the Red Cross meeting at this place Sunday and contributed liberally to the cause.

People are practically through planting crops in this community. Land has been better prepared for seeding to crops than for many years.

Buck Smith took unto himself a bride, Miss Eva Tiner, Sunday. The ceremony was solemnized by Justice W. J. Nunnery at the home of the bride's parents.

Will close, with best wishes to The Chronicle.

SAWYER'S MILL.

Misses Ola and Vessie Hoskins were here Saturday.

John Prince was the guest of friends here Sunday.

Mrs. J. A. Presson of Mount Carmel was here Saturday.

Miss Higdon was the guest of Miss Mary Jordan Saturday.

Miss Maude Prince visited Miss Mary Jordan one day last week.

Mrs. Velzie Holland of Hickory Flat was here one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Cole were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Jordan Sunday.

Several from here went to Mount Carmel Saturday to help clean off the graveyard.

Miss Vonnie Deaton was the guest of her grandmother, Mrs. J. J. Cole, one day last week.

Misses Mattie and Theo Jordan and Annie Hollingsworth were week end guests of homefolks.

J. F. Craig of route 2 is the champion rat killer in this community, having killed 45 of 'em one day last week.

Misses Evola and Iola Kennon of Camden were the week-end guests of their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Hollingsworth.

I'll close, with best wishes to The Chronicle and its many readers.

"Railroad Raiders" at the Princess every Thursday evening. A star serial—thrilling!

Miss Rubie Mai Milam of Union City was the guest of Miss Ola McDaniel the latter part of the week, returning home Sunday.

PROGRAM

Benton County Red Cross Campaign For May 26

Team Work for Forenoon and Afternoon

Team 1---G. M. Leslie, L. R. Watson, J. C. Parker and R. R. Melton at Crooked Creek at 11 o'clock and Faxon at 2 p. m.

Team 2---A. S. Justice, B. P. Smith, A. S. McGill and S. A. Clement at Lick Creek at 11 o'clock and Mount Union at 2 p. m.

Team 3---S. L. Peeler, A. L. Hassell and U. A. Potts at Liberty at 4 p. m.

Team 4---R. L. Stockard, O. P. Lashlee and Bob Smith at Flatwoods at 11 o'clock, Chestnut Hill 2 p. m. Bethlehem 3.30 p. m.

Team 5---E. J. Clement, G. B. Holladay, E. L. Dodd and E. D. Davidson at Ramble Creek at 11 o'clock and Baker Chapel at 2 p. m.

Team 6---Joe F. Odle, L. E. Davis, J. V. Travis and Tom J. Lowry at Sulphur Creek at 11 o'clock and Harmon Creek at 2 p. m.

Team 7---C. N. Frazier, A. V. Bowles, W. G. Wilson, Ira L. Presson and W. P. Redick at Prospect 11 o'clock, Pleasant Valley 2 p. m.

If you are a friend to the Red Cross come out to these meetings. If you are really an American citizen, come. By doing so you will be saying to the boys in the trenches "I am behind you."

If you do not attend the Red Cross meetings during this campaign will your neighbor be able to tell whether you want America or Germany to win the war?

There is no middle ground. You are for Old Glory, or you are against it. Will you answer?